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SUBJECT: MITRIONE KIDNAPPING: ROUNDUP OF POLICE ACTIVITY; PAPAL NUNCIO OFFERS GOOD OFFICES

1. SINCE THE KIDNAPPINGS MITRIONE AND BRAZILIAN CONSUL GOMIDE, POLICE AND MILITARY HAVE MOUNTED ENORMOUS SEARCH OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT MONTEVIDEO. INTENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS OF STOLEN VEHICLES USED IN KIDNAPPINGS AND LEADS FROM INTERROGATIONS OF SUSPECTS HAVE LED TO DETENTION SEVERAL TERRORISTS AND DISCOVERY TUPAMARO HIDEOUT AND SMALL PART OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION STOLEN FROM NAVAL TRAINING CENTER LAST MAY.

2. ON JULY 31, POLICE MADE FIRST IMPORTANT CAPTURE WHEN APPREHENDED TUPAMARO SERGIO EMIGGDIO DA ROSA SILVEIRA, AGRONOMY STUDENT BELIEVED INVOLVED ATTEMPTED KIDNAP OF GORDON JONES. DA ROSA WAS DETAINED WHEN GETTING INTO PICKUP TRUCK WHICH POLICE IDENTIFIED AS ONE USED DURING ABORTIVE JONES KIDNAP. DA ROSA STEADILY DENYING ANY INVOLVEMENT IN KIDNAPPINGS BUT ADMITS MEMBERSHIP IN MLN-TUPAMAROS. HE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY SEVERAL NAVAL PERSONNEL AS ONE TERRORISTS WHO ATTACKED NAVAL TRAINING CENTER LAST MAY 29.

EM ALSO ON JULY 31, SEVEN TERRORISTS (SIX MEN AND ONE WOMAN) FROM ANARCHIST GROUP "RESISTENCIA", FOUNDED BY HEBER MEJIAS COLLAZO WHO NOW IN PRISON FOR TERRORISM, ATTEMPTED KIDNAP MANAGER OF LARGE MONTEVIDEO BREWERY IN ORDER TO ROB COMPANY SAFE. MANAGER'S FAMILY HELD CAPTIVE IN HIS HOME FOR OVER SIX HOURS WHILE AWAITING HIS ARRIVAL. IN CONFUSION WHEN HE ARRIVED, MAID ABLE TO ESCAPE AND ALERT POLICE, CAUSING TERRORISTS TO FLEE. NEXT DAY, POLICE CAPTURED ALL BUT ONE OF GROUP, TRACING LEADS ON GROUP'S VEHICLE TO HIDING PLACE. AMONG CAPTURED IS GERARDO GATTI ANTUNA, ONE OF LEADERS OF URUGUAYAN ANARCHIST MOVEMENT.

4. IN OTHER EXTREMIST ACTION, OFFICES OF MONTEVIDEO TEXTILE PLANT, CUOPAR, S.A. ROBBED ON JULY 31 OF 4.7 MILLION PESOS (US $19 THOUSAND) BY SIX YOUNG MEN THOUGHT TO BE MEMBERS OF PRO-CUBAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, FARO. HOWEVER, POLICE HAVE NO LEADS AUHTO THEIR IDENTITIES OR WHEREABOUTS.

5. ON AUGUST 2 A MONTEVIDEO DRUGSTOE WAS BURGLARIZED OF MEDICINES WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN NEEDED TO TREAT MITRIONE'S WOUND AND TO CARE FOR OTHER KIDNAPPED PERSONS. MEDICINES INCLUDED COAGULANTS, TRANQUILIZERS, PENECILLIN, MORPHINE, COCAINE, AND A DRUG REGULARLY TAKEN BY JUDGE PEREIRA MANELLI. POLICE HAVE NO LEADS ON IDENTITY OF THIEVES, BUT EXPERTS SAY MEDICINES ARE TYPES NEEDED TO TREAT WOUNDS AND FOR NERVOUS HYPERTENSION.

6. IN MOST SUCCESSFUL POLICE ACTION THUS FAR, ON AUGUST 3, FOLLOWING LEADS OBTAINED DURING INTERROGATIONS OF TERRORIST SUSPECTS, POLICE CAPTURED FOUR MORE MEMBERS OF MLN-TUPAMAROS, INCLUDING WIFE OF TUPAMARO LEADER, RAUL BIDEGAIN GREISSING WHO BELIEVED INVOLVED IN MITRIONE KIDNAPPING. IN ADDITION, POLICE APPREHENDED ALBERTO CACCIOLI OLIVERA, WHO SOUGHT SINCE LAST JANUARY FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. DURING SEARCH OF GROUP'S HIDEOUT IN SLUM DISTRICT ON OUTSKIRTS OF MONTEVIDEO, POLICE UNCOVERED ABOUT 20 WEAPONS, INCLUDING SOME ARMS AND AMMUNITION FROM NAVAL TRAINING CENTER. NIGHTFALL PREVENTED CONTINUED SEARCH, BUT POLICE AND MILITARY SEALED OFF ENTIRE AREA AND SEARCH UNDERWAY TODAY (AUGUST 4). POLICE HOPE TO FIND MORE NAVAL CENTER ARMS BURIED IN OR AROUND HIDEOUT.

7. IN SEPARATE EVENT, PAPAL NUNCIO, MONSEIGNEUR AUGUSTIN SEPINSKI RELEASED MESSAGE STRONGLY CONDEMNING USE VIOLENCE AND

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KIDNAPPING TO EFFECT SOCIAL CHANGE AND CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MITRIONE AND BRAZILIAN. IN MESSAGE, NUNCIO ALSO OFFERED HIMSELF IN ANY USEFUL CAPACITY IN RESOLVING KIDNAPPING SITUATION. THUS FAR, SEPINSKI IS ONLY CHURCHMAN IN URUGUAY TO PUBLICLY CONDEMN KIDNAPPINGS AND DEMAND RELEASE OF PRISONERS. AT NOON TODAY AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY EXPRESSED TO NUNCIO DEEP APPRECIATION OF HIS MESSAGE.

8. ADDING ONLY NOTE OF HUMOR IN OTHERWISE ANGUISHED SITUATION, NON-TERRORIST PRISONERS HELD IN URUGUAYAN PRISONS PRESENTED PETITION TO PRESIDENT ASKING TO BE INCLUDED IN ANY AMNESTY, SINCE THEIR CRIMES WERE LESS SERIOUS THAN THOSE OF THE TERRORISTS. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED PETITION "UNUSUAL, BUT REASONALBE".
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